

Dear FCC,  
I live in Los Angeles, California and travel throughout the entire city and region on a weekly if not daily basis for business. I would estimate I spend between 10 to 20 hours per week in the car.

I benefit from XM radio and here is how:

The traffic channel:

I am comparing XM traffic to the AM news stations' traffic reports, as they are the most reliable and consistent.

- XM Instant Traffic is constantly running. AM stations give it every 6 to 10 minutes
- XM has detailed traffic including estimated drive times. AM stations give minimal reports and information
- XM covers entire region every few minutes. AM rarely covers entire region each report.
- XM is constant. AM stations get preempted for sporting events and major news stories.
- Safety, before XM traffic I would use my wireless PDA to get the caltrans traffic map, thus distracting me from the road.

Music selection:

XM has much more selection than anything FM or AM can provide. Including genres of music that few cities air or give limited air time to. Also, because of Clear Channel's domination of FM music stations in Los Angeles the majority of music played on the radio stations I listen to, is top 40.

Other Programming I listen to:

- Comedy
- News
- Financial News
- World News (BBC)
- Discovery Channel
- Entertainment News
- Sporting News
- Political News

I hope you realize that traditional land based radio, at this time, cannot provide the diversity or services of XM. Not only does it give me enjoyment while I navigate the roads of Southern California but it also gives me information so I can make informed decisions from the routes I choose, to the investments I make and the people I vote for.

Thank You and Please Keep XM,

Richard Russell